GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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FDI in Agricultural Sector
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether FDI is permitted in the agricultural sector in the country and if so, the details thereof, activity-wise;

(b) the details of agricultural activities where FDI is not allowed along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to identify the impact of FDI in agricultural sector and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) the inflow of FDI in the agriculture sector in the country during the last three years, Sector-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): FDI up to 100 percent is permitted under automatic route in specified activities of the agriculture and allied sectors. The details as per para 6.2.1 of "Consolidated FDI Policy Circular of 2015" are at Annexure I. Further, 100 percent FDI is also allowed under automatic route in the plantation sector namely tea, coffee, rubber, cardamom, palm oil tree and olive oil tree.

(b): Besides the above, FDI is not allowed in any other agriculture activities/sector to safeguard the interests of poor farmers of our country for whom agriculture is mainstay of livelihood.

(c): No steps have been taken by Government in this regard.

(d): The FDI inflows from April 2012 to February 2016 is at Annexure –II.